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SUBJECT:GRANT MILITARY TRAINING FOR BRAZIL

REF: A. BRASILIA 6085; B. BRASILIA 6421

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED ISSUES RAISED REF A. AND
AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIMITED PHASEOUT OF PROGRAM
IN TRANSITION QUARTER. JUDGMENT HERE IS THAT, WHILE THERE
IS NO LEGAL PROHIBITION TO PROVISION OF GRANT TRAINING TO
BRAZIL IN THE TQ OR IN FY 77, THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS DIFFI-
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CULTIES IN IGNORING THE INTENT OF CONGRESS TO QUOTE TERMI-

NATE UNQUOTE PROGRAM FOR BRAZIL AS REFLECTED EXPLICITLY IN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON LEGISLATION FOR FY 76.

2. PLAN OF ACTION IS TO CONSULT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF HIRC IN ATTEMPT GAIN THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND ACQUIESCENCE IN THE CONTINUATION OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPECIFIC TRAINING ACTIVITIES THROUGH TQ AND POSSIBLY FY 77 IN ORDER TO EFFECT A TERMINATION WHICH MINIMIZES THE DISRUPTION TO PROGRAMS WHERE AN ABRUPT CUTOFF WOULD VIOLATE THE RELIANCE AND EXPECTATIONS WHICH HAD REASONABLY DEVELOPED. IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE LIMITED IN NUMBER AND THAT CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE A FINDING THAT SUBSTANTIAL

PLANNING AND PREPARATION HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, MAKING ABRUPT CANCELLATION DIFFICULT. DEPARTMENT'S INTENT IS TO PHASE DOWN BRAZIL PROGRAM IN ORDERLY FASHION, ARRIVING AT POINT WHERE IT IS LIMITED TO TRAINING THAT IS CLEARLY JUSTIFIABLE AS BEING "IN CONNECTION WITH REGIONAL ACTIVITIES" CONSISTENT WITH CONGRESSIONAL INTENT. WE DO NOT INTEND TO CONTINUE PROGRAM AT ANYTHING CLOSE TO LEVEL WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR BRAZIL, OR TO OPEN DOOR FOR SETTING IN MOTION PLANS FOR NEW PROJECTS DURING THE PHASEOUT PERIOD.

3. AS SOON AS CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ARE COMPLETE, DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILED GUIDANCE. ROBINSON

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